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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
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This response is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2006. In view of the following discussion, the Applicant believes that all claims are in allowable form.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS**

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15 and 23 stand rejected as being obvious over United States Patent No. 5,375,664 issued December 27, 1994 to *McDowell, et al.* (hereinafter referred to as "*McDowell*") in view of United States Patent No. 6,047,771 issued April 11, 2000 to *Roynestad* (hereinafter referred to as "*Roynestad*"). Claims 7 and 14 stand rejected as being unpatentable over *McDowell* and *Roynestad* in view of the United States Patent No. 4,333,541 issued June 8, 1982 to *Doty* (hereinafter referred to as "*Doty*").

In response, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 10 and 23 to respectively recite the limitations of claims 25, 28 and 24, which have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Claim 26 has been amended to correct claim dependency. Thus, the Applicant submits all claims are in allowable form.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his comments regarding the allowability of claims 24-29 if re-written in independent form. As indicated above, claims 1, 10 and 23 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 25, 28 and 24. Thus, the Applicant submits all claims are in allowable form.

**CONCLUSION**

Thus, the Applicant submits that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issuance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404

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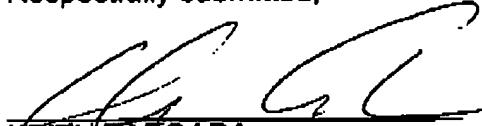
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so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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